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REMARKS

None of the art cited on the attached PTO Form 1449 is believed to disclose or suggest the invention recited in the claims of the above-identified application. It is therefore believed that the claimed invention is patentably distinguishable over these references.

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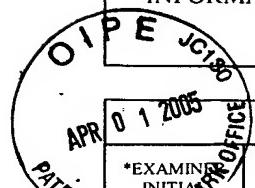
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AB	2,814,324	Nov. 26, 1957	Shur			
AC	2,896,496	Jul. 28, 1959	Jansen			
AD	3,089,330	May 1963	Kerr			
AE	3,151,652	Oct. 6, 1964	Zahodiakin			
AF	3,157,215	Nov. 17, 1964	Zahodiakin			
AG	3,352,341	Nov. 14, 1967	Schertz			
AH	3,550,412	Dec. 29, 1970	Pitel, et al.			
AI	3,695,139	Oct. 3, 1972	Howe			
AJ	3,751,086	Aug. 1973	Geringer			
AK	4,071,271	Jan. 1978	Bourrie, et al.			

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AR		"What is ZipTechnology™?," ZipNut.com, Thread Technology, Inc., 2000.				
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	BB	4,083,393	Apr. 11, 1978	Okada				
	BC	4,171,752	Oct. 23, 1979	Pertinen				
	BD	4,175,989	Nov. 27, 1979	Pospischil, et al.				
	BE	4,185,730	Jan. 29, 1980	Roes, et al.				
	BF	4,220,024	Sept. 2, 1980	Berich				
	BG	4,232,798	Nov. 11, 1980	Hammel, et al.				
	BH	4,299,520	Nov. 10, 1981	Iwata				
	BI	4,350,032	Sept. 21, 1982	Kochackis				
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	CB	4,589,571	May 20, 1986	Sykes				
	CC	4,618,300	Oct. 21, 1986	Goebel				
	CD	4,633,687	Jan. 6, 1987	Fane				
	CE	4,741,454	May 1988	Ray, et al.				
	CF	4,764,071	Aug. 16, 1988	Lawrence, et al.				
	CG	4,974,888	Dec. 4, 1990	Childers				
	CH	4,986,099	Jan. 1991	Johnson, et al.				
	CI	4,993,247	Feb. 19, 1991	Minemura				
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	DB	5,131,038	Jul. 14, 1992	Puhl, et al.			
	DC	5,143,430	Sept. 1, 1992	Craven, et al.			
	DD	5,160,180	Nov. 3, 1992	Mlynarczyk			
	DE	5,197,314	Mar. 30, 1993	Stillwagon, et al.			
	DF	5,216,907	Jun. 8, 1993	Ullmann			
	DG	5,273,183	Dec. 28, 1993	Tuttobene			
	DH	5,324,150	Jun. 28, 1994	Fullerton			
	DI	5,335,818	Aug. 9, 1994	Maldanis, et al.			
	DJ	5,373,718	Dec. 20, 1994	Schwerdt, et al.			
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	EB	5,427,488	Jun. 27, 1995	Fullerton, et al.				
	EC	5,467,619	Nov. 1995	Stillwagon, et al.				
	ED	5,476,190	Dec. 19, 1995	Herrmann, et al.				
	EE	5,491,471	Feb. 13, 1996	Stobbe				
	EF	5,497,905	Mar. 12, 1996	Vogelpohl, et al.				
	EG	5,548,982	Aug. 1996	Rawling				
	EH	5,580,200	Dec. 3, 1996	Fullerton				
	EI	5,613,816	Mar. 25, 1997	Cabahug				
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	FB	5,791,179	Aug. 1998	Brask				
	FC	5,788,443	Aug. 4, 1998	Cabahug				
	FD	5,799,822	Sept. 1, 1998	Rudewicz, et al.				
	FE	5,800,108	Sept. 1, 1998	Cabahug				
	FF	5,813,257	Sept. 29, 1998	Claghorn, et al.				
	FG	5,823,027	Oct. 20, 1998	Glick, et al.				
	FH	5,845,524	Dec. 1998	Koehler				
	FI	5,848,541	Dec. 15, 1998	Glick, et al.				
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	GB	5,975,348	Nov. 2, 1999	Rudewicz, et al.				
	GC	6,038,892	Mar. 2000	Schmitt				
	GD	6,046,681	Apr. 2000	Solop				
	GE	6,050,447	Apr. 18, 2000	Kovens, et al.				
	GF	6,082,153	Jul. 4, 2000	Schoell, et al.				
	GG	6,129,238	Oct. 10, 2000	Rumminger				
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